



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 8654

Giorgio SOLDANI

Group Art Unit: 1733

Application No.: 10/733,258

Examiner: YAO, Samchuan Cua

Filed: December 12, 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 108043-00012

For: A MACHINE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING POROUS MEMBRANES FOR  
MEDICAL USE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 24, 2007

Sir:

Coupled with the filling of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant requests that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, the period for response being extended for three months from June 22, 2007 to September 22, 2007 (September 22=Saturday, September 23=Sunday), by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

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